

DISPATCH

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EAS-571

Chief of Station, Vienna
 Chief, EE; Chief of Station, Bonn

2 Jul 1959

Chief of Base, Salzburg

20 June 1959

PROVY/RECON/OPERATIONS
 Use of GAFI as a Spyder

RE: (CHECK ONE)

MARKED FOR INDEXING

NO INDEXING REQUIRED

INDEXING CAN BE JUDGED

CHANGED NO DECISION

See paragraph 3.

4. EAS-5196, 15 May 1959 (Not sent Bonn)
 5. EAS-13070, 19 June 1959
 6. EAS-27771, 26 June 1959

1. We feel that GAFI may well be able to provide assistance in locating potential spy-related assets in the area of 3 and possibly other areas. As recalled, GAFI has been described as highly intelligent, composed, possessed of a more than usual amount of spare time, and inclined to be over-enthusiastic with regard to espionage which may present special problems. This assessment plus the fact that he has been resident in the area of 3 since at least early 1958 leads us to believe that he could spot, search and perhaps interview us to see if we might have behind types in that area.

2. For Bonn: Reference a. discussed the presence of GAFI (phonetic) in Austria, Salzburg Operations Base' interest in using him as a spy-related asset, and our desire to learn of his current status in reference to EAS-5196. Reference b. informed us that in February 1958 (EAS-13070, 19 February 1958) GAFI had been considered (but presumably not approached) for possible use against satellite targets and that Headquarters has no objections to our using GAFI as a spy-related asset. Reference c. also noted that GAFI is known (socially and operationally) to [redacted] and [redacted], both of whom are currently stationed in Switzerland.

3. We request that Vienna forward to us a copy of the biographic data on GAFI mentioned in reference b, and any other pertinent or helpful information Vienna may have. Headquarters is requested, on the basis of biographic information available there, to issue a FBI for GAFI for the purpose of contact, assessment and recruitment as a short-term spy-related asset/asset. We would appreciate help in obtaining access to GAFI and proof of bona fides. We believe this can best be accomplished by means of a letter of introduction from [redacted] Should you feel it advisable to include a copy in the letter, [redacted] is interested in himself as [redacted] As there may be a rather [redacted] (we have no idea how much longer GAFI will be in his present location), we should like to receive this letter as soon as possible. We should also appreciate any useful background information which [redacted] or [redacted] is able to provide.

19 June 1959

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